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**Subject: Solid Waste Permit Program-Organizational Changes**

Dear Owners, Operators and Consultants of Solid Waste Facilities:

This letter is to inform you that in order to comply with the Governor's directive for decreased spending, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) developed a plan to reduce our budget. Our plan called for the elimination of 17 management positions. One of these positions is the Solid Waste Permit Manager in the Central Office.

DEQ is structured with the inspections and permitting programs operating from the seven regional offices. All of the Air permits and most of the Water permits are issued from the regional offices. Moving Solid Waste Permits to the region will align it with the other media, improve the collaboration between the inspectors and permit staff, and bring the permit staff closer to the regulated community. Primary contact for a Solid Waste Permit will be the Regional Office-Waste Compliance Manager. Siting for solid waste facilities, monitoring ground water and modeling functions for solid waste permits will be done in the Central Office, but contact should be initiated through the Regional Waste Compliance Manager.

For the Solid Waste Permits and Inspections programs, the Central Office supports the Regional Offices by developing regulations and guidance and by providing technical expertise. To ensure standardization, we have retained a Coordinator Position in the Central Office to refine our Permit Manual with model permit language, provide technical review of permits, and work on further ways to ensure consistency. As in other programs, regional staff must follow the manual or provide justification to alter from the manual, based on case-by-case circumstances.

Attached you will find [a Fact sheet](#) which addresses the first customer service issues, such as: Where do I send my application; Who do I talk to; and Where do I send my permit fee check. We need your input to make the transition more successful, so I urge you send comments and questions to the Regional Waste Compliance Manager. Most of the Facility owners know what DEQ Regional boundary they are in. The Regional Boundaries and contacts are shown on a color map that may be printed from the web page at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/regions/>.

We look forward to working with you in the future to improve the Solid Waste Permit program.

Sincerely,

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